

gagaku

there's a man singing
perhaps chanting
maybe both

he is japanese
on my
record player
he is
performing gagaku
music

shinto
tradition
I hear him
and I

write these poems
to his music

titled gagaku

now other performers
join him
a stringed instrument
drums

a special rhythm
a thousand years old

it's best

I see demons
I write better when I
see demons

I don't write as well about
humans

humans are not in
demons
demons are in humans

speak for yourself
steve

-- Steve Richmond

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